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ELECTION, AMENDMENT B AND INTERFERENCE SUGGESTION

In response to the Restriction Requirement of October 4, 2005 and in accordance with 35 USC 121, Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Species A in the above-identified application, subject to the discussion below. Applicants believe that Claims 37-43 are readable on the elected species. Applicants also believe that Claims 37-43 are generic. Applicants are making this election without disclaimer or prejudice to later filing a divisional application on the non-elected species and/or claims.

Applicants are also adding new Claims 79-93 to prosecute in this application. The undersigned discussed with the Examiner adding new apparatus claims to this application. The Examiner stated that he would allow the addition of new apparatus claims at this time. As explained below, these new claims have been copied from or are substantially similar to claims 1, 2, 5-7, 9, 10, 15, 16, 19-23 and 28 of US patent no. 6,812,637 (Cok). These claims are being added to raise the possibility of an interference with the '637 patent as discussed in detail below.